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94/125 Interchange Improvements Interim Project (WB SR-94 to NB SR-125 Interim Direct Connection)

OVERALL GOALS

 Provide a temporary direct freeway to freeway connection from westbound SR-94 to northbound SR-125 within three years.

■THE PROJECT

This project would build a direct freeway to freeway connection from westbound SR-94 to northbound SR-125. Approximately 90% of the work included in the interim project will become part of the ultimate configuration of the interchange and freeway widening. This interim project will also widen northbound SR-125 from SR-94 to the Mariposa Street bridge to accommodate the direct connector and in anticipation of the future ultimate widening of SR-125. The project will also widen the existing Panorama Drive bridge on the northbound side.

TRAFFIC

It is estimated that approximately 12,000 vehicles a day would use the direct connector today if it were available. These vehicles must exit SR-94 at Bancroft Drive and use local arterials to get to northbound SR-125. It is anticipated that 15,000 vehicles per day will use this connection in the year 2010. These users will benefit from a more direct connection to northbound SR-125. Also, traffic circulation on local streets will see an improvement as traffic stays on the freeway to freeway connection.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

A Categorical Exclusion/Categorical Exemption environmental clearance has been processed for this project. No significant environmental impacts have been identified.

FUNDING

The funding for this project will come from the federal Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), supplemented by the Transportation Congestion Relief Program. The project has an estimated current total cost of about \$4.5 million dollars, including engineering and construction costs.

SCHEDULE

The environmental stage was completed Fall 1999. The project will be completed in two phases. The first phase which paved a west to north connector was completed in Summer 2001. The second phase which will widen the Panorama Drive Bridge started construction October 2001. The project was completed early October 2002.

PROJECT COMPLETED